Government has received 50 proposals from the Chief Justices of the High Courts for filling up existing vacancies in the respective High Courts.

Setting up of Family Courts in every district

4164. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has recommended to his Ministry for setting up a Family Court in every district considering huge pending cases in courts;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Madam.

Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Women & Child Development) in their O.M. of April 17, 2002 have forwarded suggestion from the National Commission for Women that a Plan Scheme may be launched to provide 100 per cent financial assistance by way of grant-in-aid may be provided to the State Governments for the setting up of Family Courts.

Earlier, the Parliamentary committee on Empowerment of Women in its Fifth Report on "Functioning of Family Courts" has recommended that steps should be taken to set up Family Courts in every district of the country.

(b) and (c) On the Basis of recommendation made by the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women, the matter has been taken up with all the State Governments/UT Administrations to set up more Family Courts to speed up disposal of family disputes. In order to encourage and assist the States in setting up more Family Courts, fifty percent Central grant is being extended to them for the establishment and running of new Family Courts which are now being set up during the year 2002-2003.